of Ladakh region including the Ladakh Buddhist Association to evolve a common approach in solving their problems and in the context of the demand of Ladakh Buddhist Association for an autonomous District Hill Council. It was followed by an official level meeting in which some representatives sought to defer the discussions for enabling them to further discuss the matter internally. It was therefore decided in consultation with the representatives of both the districts to hold further discussions in the 3rd week of May, 1992.

In the meeting, the representatives of Leh and Kargil agreed on the importance and urgent necessity for maintaining communal harmony and for interaction to achieve it.

शराब की बिक्री के लिए नीति

987. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली प्रशासन ने वित्तीय वर्ष 1992-93 के लिए शराब की बिक्री हेतु नई नीति बनाई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या राजधानी के रेस्तराओं में अब खुले आम शराब की बिक्री का प्रस्ताव है और क्या इस नई नीति के अधीन शराब की नई दुकानें भी खोली जायेंगी, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस नीति के उद्देश्य क्या हैं ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान ।

(ख) से (घ) नई नीति के अधीन एल-1 लाइसेंसधारियों द्वारा शराब की दुकानें खोलने पर कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं है। तथापि ये दुकानें एल-2 लाइसेंस धारियों के अधीन ही रहेंगी रेस्तराओं में खुले रूप से शराब बेचने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है । नई नीति के अधीन केवल वे ही रेस्तरां, जिनके पास एल-4 लाइसेंस हैं, शराब, बीयर और अन्य प्रकार की आई० एम० एफ० एल० (भारत में निर्मित विदेशी शराब) बेच सकते हैं। पुरानी नीति के अनुसार इन रेस्तराओं को केवल शराब और बीयर बेचने की अनुमति थी ।

नई आबकारी नीति के उद्देश्य, प्रक्रिया को सरल बनाना, अनाचार को हटाना, उत्पादित ब्रांड की जांच करना, सुरक्षापूर्ण मदिरा उपलब्ध कराना, तथा इसके व्यापार से अधिकतम राजस्व प्राप्त करना है ।

Racing in the Country

988. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have at any stage conducted any study regarding racing in the country;

(b) if so the findings thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to attain uniformity in this sphere ;

(d) whether Government have, at any stage, also considered the desirability of setting up of a National Commission to inquire into and examine every aspect of racing in the country, and the creation of a statutory body like the TURF Authority of India; and

(e) if not, whether Government would consider the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) The Central Government have not conducted any study on the subject. 'Racing' falls under the purview of 'Betting

and Gambling' which is a State subject under Schedule VII to the Constitution.

(d) and (e) There is no such proposal under consideration.

विरोध प्रकट करती हुई एक महिला का गला दबाने वाले एक अधिकारी के खिलाफ कार्यवाही

989. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम मीम अफजल** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 16 अप्रैल 1992 के "स्टेटसमैन" नई दिल्ली में छपी उस फोटो की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें एक पुरुष अधिकारी को लिबिया पर लगाई गई पाबंदियों का विरोध प्रकट करती हुई एक महिला का गला दबाते हुए दर्शाया गया है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस अधिकारी के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान ।

(ख) संबंधित पुलिस अधिकारी के खिलाफ जांच का आदेश दिया गया है ।

Recruitment of Persons belonging to Minorities in Anti-Riot Force

990. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *Alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 286 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1992 and state whether the persons belong to minorities would be given periority for recruiment in Anti-Riot Force ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): The Constitution of India does not permit any discrimination on the basis of religion in matters of employment or recruitment. Therefore, no priority is envisaged for any particular community in recruitment for the Rapid Action Force.

Suicide Cases in the Country

991. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of suicide cases which were reported during the last three years till date State/Union Terriotory-wise;

(b) whether the National Crime Records Bureau has recently released a report on suicide cases and accidental deaths in the country;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the highest number of suicide case are between the age group 18—30 years, as per the recent studies in this regard;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof;

(f) whether Government have any plan/proposal to tackle the problem of suicides in the country; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Available information regarding the number of reported suicide cases during the years 1988, 1989 and 1990 is enclosed in Statement-I. (The data for 1991 is not yet available) (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The National Crime Records Bureau has recently released annual report on 'Accidental deaths and suicides in India 1988'.

The report covers the topics relating to incidence and volume of suicides in India during the last decade (1978—88), as also incidence and volume of suicides in States and Union Territories and 12 Metropolitan Cities during 1988.

(d) and (e) The percentage distribution of suicides by various age groups during 1985